

# The Devil's Advocate

## OUR FIRST ISSUE!

Welcome to the first issue of The Devil's Advocate. (At the last minute we changed our name from the AORUFOP Newsletter). As you can tell we've done all we can to keep the cost of the newsletter as low as possible. In the future we will consider publishing ads from non-profit groups or individuals who are distributing papers on research findings or other types of information. We will also begin to accept letters and articles for submission (write for info.). In the future, we hope to offer a "correspondence list" for those of you who would like to contact other objective researchers for exchange of information. At this point we are not accepting subscriptions. If you would like to receive the next issue, send us a SASE and a note on what you think about the newsletter and we'll notify you when we are prepared to send out the

*Here at Devil's Advocate we feel obligated to voice views that many people would consider to be in opposition to the majority opinion. We don't claim to be right all the time, our purpose is just to make you think.*

*We believe that there is a genuine UFO phenomenon, but we also feel that we should examine both sides of the story to keep ourselves open minded, objective, and on our toes.*

next issue (probably 2-4 months). This newsletter is for those of you out there like us who feel excluded in the skeptic/true believer (which translates to "believes nothing/believes everything") state of ufology.

Please remember that this is our first issue and hopefully after we begin to gain readership, we'll begin to expand the newsletter.

Remember, those of you who would like notification of the second issue, information on the upcoming correspondence list, or placing ads, send us a SASE and we will get in touch with you soon.

We want this to become a newsletter that readers participate in. So send us articles, letters, and all that good stuff.

In the meantime keep an open, and objective mind. ED.

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### Roswell and the Postal Debate

For those of you who have been following the unusual (and time wasting) debate concerning Roswell researcher Don Schmitt and his battle with Milwaukee Magazine over an article in their February issue which claims that Schmitt has worked full time for the U.S. Postal service since 1974, we present the following information.

Recently Jim Moseley (editor of Saucer Smear) received from Kevin Randle (Schmitt's partner) a copy of a letter written by Ken Eppler, who is Postmaster in Hartford, Wisconsin. The letter states that Schmitt has not worked full time for the U.S. Postal Service since '74. At the end of the letter Randle writes "What does this say about the credibility of the rest of the article about Don (Schmitt)?".

A telephone call from Mr. Moseley to Ken Eppler unearthed the fact that no one begins working for the Postal Service full time. Therefore, Schmitt has worked for the Post Office since '74, but not full time.

While we agree that this debate is nothing but a huge waste of time, we thought it was interesting

how Schmitt has deliberately twisted the facts in order (for some unknown reason) to hide his affiliation with the Postal Service.

As Jim Moseley states in his newsletter, if Schmitt has intentionally misrepresented his job, may he not have also misrepresented facts about the Roswell case?

Kevin Randle later said that he also had been misled by Schmitt, and was in no way trying to cover up for him.

Guess we'll have to write this off as just another silly and very dishonest debate involving a UFO researcher.

C'mon guys don't we have many more important things that we could be doing with our time?

### Mysterious Carpet Circles Appearing in Gulf Breeze

In a recent letter to the MUFON Journal, Joe Barron, chief investigator of Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON, reported that unusual circles were appearing in his carpet. He claimed that he had vacuumed his home the previous day and the circles

were not there at that time. He also reported hearing a woman's voice in the house, even though he lives alone, as well as other strange noises in his house and an unusual rumbling feeling not unlike an earthquake.

An interesting point that we must make here is that even though Barron is the "chief investigator", a job that gives him the responsibility of training other investigators, out of "some" photos he took of a ring in his carpet, he was only able to get one good photo because he "used too much light in the others". It is in our opinion that the person who trains other investigators how to photograph evidence and sightings should at least have the ability to take a decent photograph of his own carpet. In his letter Barron referred to other local investigators who have experienced energy balls, fuzzy balls, and strange E.T. pranks.

Barron ended his letter with the line, "Something is happening here and it's getting worse".

It does seem that way.

### Bob Dean Spills the Beans (Almost!)

At the beginning of a lecture he gave to the crowd at the excellent '94 Pensacola UFO Conference, retired Sgt. Major Bob Dean, announced (in a very loud and excited voice) that he would be violating his national security oath to inform the audience of the truth that our government had been hiding from us. Dean claimed that he learned these facts because he at one time possessed a "Cosmic Top Secret Clearance".

Dean went on to denounce the government who he said were doing what they pleased, while ignoring our Constitution.

After 3/4 of Dean's lecture time was over and I sat anxiously on the edge of my seat waiting for the revelations Dean had promised, he continued to bash our government until the inevitable "I'm sorry, but it appears my time is up".

At that announcement, the entire crowd lunged to their feet and gave Dean a standing ovation.

I left, somewhat angry that Dean had succeeded in wasting his entire lecture time by

getting the audience so stirred up, that the fact that Dean really hadn't said anything was ignored completely by the audience.

The experience reminded me of something a friend had once said, "people are sheep".

Outside the lecture hall I met what appeared to be the only other person in attendance who also realized that Dean hadn't said anything. We remarked that Dean certainly hadn't violated any "national security oaths" and probably never would. We both agreed that if Dean's job as a UFO lecture circuit guru were ever to disappear, he would make a great politician.

### Vallee Bowing Out of UFO Research

For those of you who haven't heard, longtime UFO researcher/author Jacques Vallee will no longer be actively involved in UFO research. In a short note the Editor recently received from Dr. Vallee, he stated that "Too much of what passes

for research in the field (ufology) is little more than quasi-religious fanaticism".

We at Devils Advocate agree completely. It is a shame that the state of affairs in the UFO community prevents objective researchers from getting to the bottom of the UFO mystery.

We at Devil's Advocate believe that if the few truly objective researchers who are left in the field don't band together very soon, then the UFO community will continue to go in what appears to be very much the wrong direction.

If you agree, let us know. Maybe if the objective and common sensed researchers in the field join together we will no longer be ignored.

The Devil's Advocate is a non-profit newsletter dedicated to giving the objective ufologist who understands that we are facing a genuine mystery, a place voice his/her opinion. We are not debunkers or true believers, although we are often called both depending on who you ask.



*If response is great enough we will continue to publish this newsletter and hopefully expand it, with your help.*

*We sincerely believe that there are many people out there who feel excluded in the UFO community. Hopefully there are enough of us out there to make this newsletter work.*

*We will continue to charge the lowest price possible for the newsletter. We're not looking to cash in on UFOs, we just want to cover our expenses.*

*We might be willing to exchange advertising space with other publications in the future to get the word out that we exist.*

*Donations of stamps, small amounts of cash, and (most importantly) your ideas and articles, are welcome. And please remember to include a SASE when corresponding with The Devil's Advocate.*

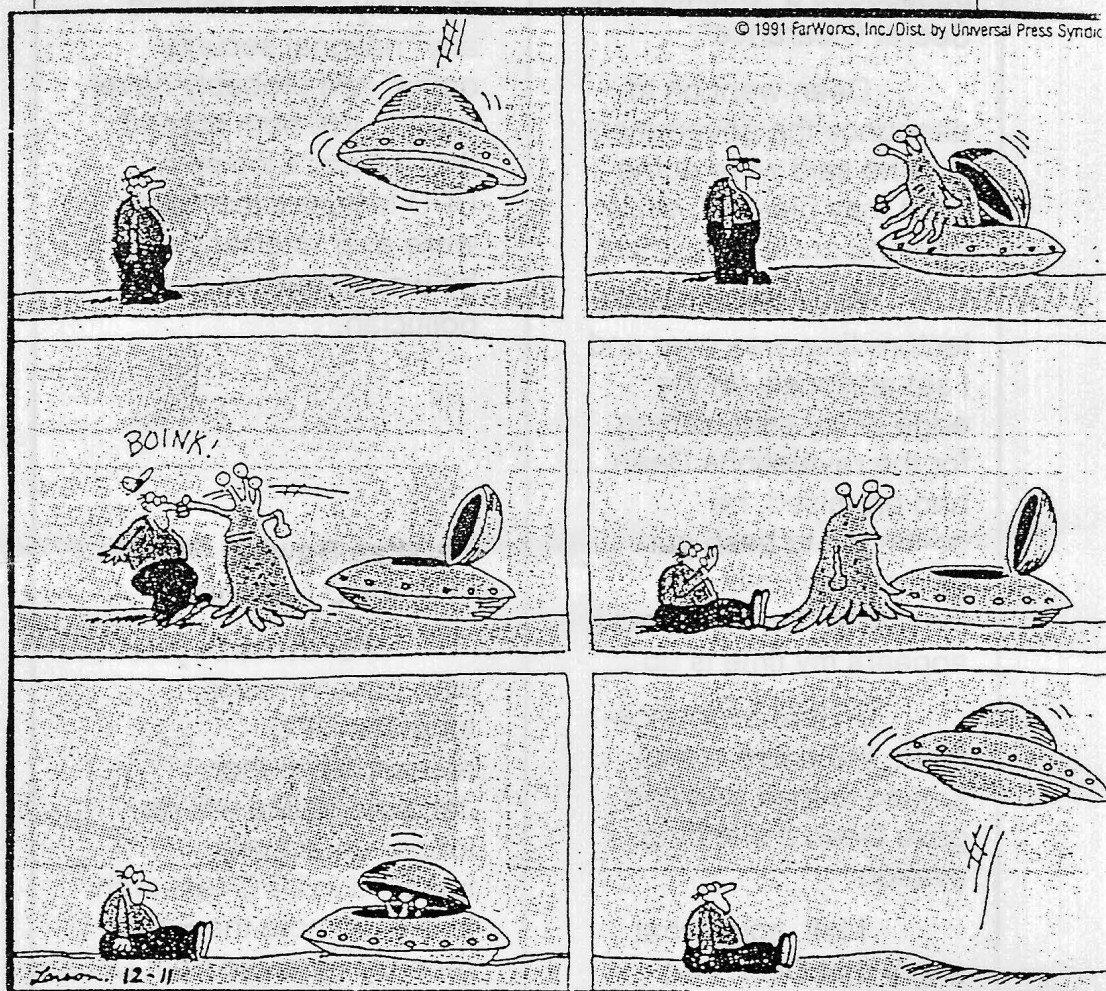
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#### NOTICE...

*The Devil's Advocate is looking for people who can offer information obtained from*

*research of the following subjects: cases involving "angel hair", psychological studies/evaluations of abductees, instances of possible military attempts to hoax UFO sightings, and cases of "absurd" entity actions in which the witness' credibility and the evidence do not point to a probable hoax.*

*Anyone who may be interested in providing coverage of lectures or conferences, let us know.*



Henry never knew what hit him.

## REVIEWS

The Prophecy Club  
Newsletter

The May '95 issue of this interesting source for information on extremist Christian views of UFOs, the new world order, and other unusual topics, carries lots of info on the "Roswell film", cattle mutilations, and abductions, all from a fundamentalist Christian viewpoint. Articles of interest include information on: "Are cattle mutilations caused by satanic E.T.s who are creating a body for the antichrist from cattle flesh and blood?", and, "Is a mock alien invasion being rehearsed at Area 51 to explain the disappearances of millions of Americans after the rapture by saying that they were abducted by aliens?"

This newsletter is excellent for those of you who study the extremist Christian viewpoint on UFOs from a psychological point of view, or just for good old fashioned entertainment purposes. INFO. P.O. Box 750234, Topeka, KS, 66675. (Surprised they haven't attempted to get

that area code changed yet).

## REVIEWS

Grand Illusions

by

Dr. Gregory Little

In this, Dr. Little's newest book on the UFO/paranormal phenomenon, he examines the overall UFO phenomenon, as well as the faults of many ufologists.

Dr. Little points out many interesting facts such as the apparent "selective perception" that many of those involved in the UFO phenomenon suffer from. Dr. Little explains that selective perception occurs when a person pays attention only to the information that they have chosen to look at, while they ignore the rest, giving them a biased and incomplete view of the problem that they are facing.

Grand Illusions is a very interesting book that looks at paranormal phenomenon with a very much needed dose of common sense.

Dr. Little is also the Associate Editor of Alternate Perceptions an excellent quarterly journal

that's quite different from many paranormal newsletters these days. Box 9972, Memphis, TN, 38190.

## REVIEWS

The UFO Enigma

by

Marcia S. Smith

An interesting and surprisingly open minded report that was written as an informational source for the U.S. Congress. The paper is free and can be requested from your Congressman. Tell them that it's a CRS report, #83-205 SPR.

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## Interview: James Moseley, Editor Of Saucer Smear

On June 26, Jim Moseley, longtime UFO researcher, and Editor of Saucer Smear magazine, graciously agreed to a telephone interview.

Before we begin, we must thank Mr. Moseley for inadvertently giving us a name for our newsletter.

**D.A.:** Let's start off slowly. At what point did you first become involved in UFO research, and for what reason?

**J.M.:** I started in 1954. Actually, 1953 was when I first got interested. I started my magazine in '54. It was originally called Saucer News instead of Saucer Smear, but that's another story.

But I had recently met a man who was a professional writer, and we were going to co-author a UFO book. So, I took off around the country in the Fall of 1953 and interviewed people who had been mentioned in the early saucer books, contactees, normal saucer sighters, scientists, everybody that seemed to be interesting to interview. I spent about three months or so at it.

Then I got myself together, and the next Summer, '54, is when I started the magazine. I never wrote the book, but I did get involved, at that point, in the saucer subject. I got intrigued by it, and happened to hang on ever since.

**D.A.:** How did the book, Wright Patterson, the book that we've heard you "ghost wrote", come about?

**J.M.:** Actually, it was ghost written for me by Gray Barker, who was a close

friend of mine. It's got my name on the cover, and that's why I enjoy it.

However, the book, as I've told everybody, this is not an exclusive, was; A) ghost written by Gray Barker, B) fictionalized, C) added material by Tim Beckley in the new edition is absolutely beyond me, I don't even know who wrote it, and D) the back cover might be the greatest atrocity that's on anybody's back cover.

**D.A.:** So it was actually your story that had been ghost written by him?

**J.M.:** Yeah, that goes back to the first question. When I went around the country I took detailed notes of everything that I did and all the interviews that I conducted. Then I let Barker work from them, and he fictionalized them a bit.

But the back cover is not related to anything. That is a wax dummy, that was on a display in a museum, I believe in Canada, maybe a wax museum, I'm not quite sure, in the early eighties. Tim Beckley came across this and thought it was worth putting on the back cover. It's really sickening, but, that's my book. Yes.

**D.A.:** You've been called a total skeptic and a debunker, by some people. Have you changed your opinion from a believer to more of a skeptic over the years?

**J.M.:** Yeah, at the beginning I was attracted to the interplanetary theory, like everybody is. Then I saw that that didn't seem to be provable, and I got more confused about. Eventually, to make a long story short, I sort of went into what I think I'm in now, which is like 4-D. In other words, if there is something strange going on, and there seems to be, then it is not interplanetary, and I can explain that, it's something beyond our present understanding and it is, uh, well you can



use any crazy term you want, interdimensional, or 4-D, or alternate realities, or alternate universes. I mean those are meaningless terms, but it isn't what everybody in the saucer field thinks it is, or most of the people think it is. It just isn't. It just doesn't check out that way. These are not nuts and bolts objects, which come from another planet to our atmosphere.

If you read the top thing above the masthead in the current Smear. There's this guy, Alexander Mebane, who is a physicist, he's quite a brilliant guy, and he says it just about as well as anybody could. Did you notice that?

**D.A.:** Do you mean the quote that basically says, they never have crashed and never will?

**J.M.:** Exactly. He says it never has, never will, and that's part of the structure of the phenomenon. It can't. It won't. So that gives us the answer to Roswell right there. It's a crock of shit.

**D.A.:** What effect do you think the Randle/Schmitt/Post Office debate will have on the Roswell case?

**J.M.:** I think that didn't help any, certainly. And it upset Randle to the point that there is a rumor that he might get out of the field. Schmitt has been pretty well driven out of the field.

I think what's going to kill Roswell more than that, by far, is this ghastly Roswell video, which I featured a couple of issues back in Smear. And it's still going on in England and I just don't see any hope for that video. Even Stanton Friedman doesn't believe it, and that's amazing.

**D.A.:** As you well know, Randle later claimed that he had been lied to by Schmitt. He says he himself was misled

and was not attempting to mislead the public in any way. Do you believe him?

**J.M.:** Well, I'll give him the benefit of the doubt, okay. I don't know one way or the other. He says that he didn't know, and I'll take him at his word.

**D.A.:** Some people have said that your newsletter encourages feuds and infighting, while others say that it helps show the silliness that some researchers involve themselves in. What do you say?

**J.M.:** Well, I can see their point actually. I'm going to have letters in the next issue. One written by Robert Todd, about...my god, who is he feuding with now? It escapes me. Oh, Carey. What's Carey's first name? The guy that was hunting for the Roswell archeologist. Jim, John, something. Anyway these two guys have gone at it, and each has written a horrendous letter about each other expressly for Smear. And they wouldn't bother with it, I don't think, if they didn't think I was gonna publish it. When it gets to that point, then you're creating news, rather than reporting it. That is excessive. Not on my part, but on their part.

And I can see the point that people have made, but I also think that if you're going to be serious about this subject you have to; A) keep an open mind, B) have a sense of humor, and C) realize that most of these people are almost childish in their approach and prejudiced in their own ways, and there are few of any of us, including myself, who take a truly open mind and look at the evidence the way that you're supposed to.

I said that brilliantly, didn't I?

**D.A.:** Yeah, that was great.

**J.M.:** Thank You

**D.A.:** Do you think that factor has changed since you first became involved

with the field, or do you think it's still pretty much the same now, in that regard, as it was then?

**J.M.:** No, it's different players and different eras, but pretty much the same. The contactees were no more sensible than the abductees, just a different era.

**D.A.:** Do you see things improving much in the future, regarding UFO research?

**J.M.:** No, I guess human nature doesn't get a helluva lot better or worse over the years, I guess the saucer field will stay pretty much the same.

**D.A.:** Now the "big question". Do you think the government has any proof of what's going on? That they know?

**J.M.:** I honestly don't think so. You know, it's very easy to think so. Like when you hear of Bob Lazar, or somebody like that seems to have some knowledge of what he himself experienced and so forth.

I can't explain all of what's going on, but there must be a lot of disinformation. Again to be brief, if the government is screwing around at all, it is just the opposite of what the saucer people think. I should say more about it. I think they're encouraging us to believe crackpot stuff in order to cover up something worse, and I have no idea what could be worse. That I could almost believe. But no, I don't think there are any alien bodies or craft sitting anywhere.

**D.A.:** Do you think they are just as puzzled as we are then?

**J.M.:** Well, they have more knowledge about a lot of things than we do. But then again "*they*". It's so compartmentalized that no one person knows everything.

Let me put it this way, just a few months ago, I mentioned it briefly in Smear, the president's science advisor, whose name I don't know offhand, wanted, on behalf of the president of the country, to have an informed opinion about UFOs. So he went to the CIA, for the best that they knew. I forget the name, also, of the key man there, but he was a mutual friend of the science advisor, and of Dr. Bruce Maccabee. So the science advisor went to this middle man, so to speak, and that guy didn't know much about UFOs, so he went to Dr. Bruce Maccabee and said "hey, will you write this paper?", and Dr. Bruce Maccabee did. I happen to have a copy of it here somewhere. I mean after that, you know, he was ready to send it to anybody. And Dr. Bruce Maccabee is a nice guy and he's one of the most gullible people I've ever known, especially when you consider that he has a Ph.D. and works for the Navy.

And so, here is the poor president, ill-informed though he may be on many subjects, and if he wants to know the truth about saucers, he will go to his science advisor and say "Oh, did you ever get that report back?", and he'll be reading a thing by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, and it's frightening. He might as well read Saucer Smear. I mean it's just that bad. I really think they're screwed up.

**D.A.:** Would you say that outside experts should be the ones checking the validity of UFO photographs, instead of MUFON experts or CUFOS experts?

**J.M.:** Well, outside experts are biased too. I mean, Dr. Maccabee is an authentic expert. You take your choice. They will interpret what they are seeing according to their bias. And I don't know how, especially with the computerization that you can do to photographs these days, I don't know how you can ever get a



final answer on a photograph, especially a still photograph. There's no way.

You got a mystery here old buddy that your never gonna solve in your lifetime, and least of all in mine, and I'm serious about that.

**D.A.:** What do you think about the opposing views regarding abductions, involving someone like Whitley Strieber's contacts opposed to the research someone like Budd Hopkins is doing? Do you think one of those is a more accurate picture than the other?

**J.M.:** I think Strieber is trying to say what he believes happened to him. But, I really haven't read his books thoroughly.

Hopkins, unfortunately, as you may well know, I have a little bit of a problem with. Hmm, which convention was it that he gave me the finger?

Anyway, Hopkins and I don't get along well. I don't want to way him out in your 'zine, because he knows pretty well what I think. Let's just say that he has no qualifications, except as an artist. And an artist is not a scientist by a long shot. Let me be kind and just say that he has no qualifications to do anything that he's doing.

**D.A.:** Do you feel, in a way, that your trying to be open and objective about the whole phenomenon and you're getting attacked for it?

**J.M.:** Yeah, that's part of it. But, you know, there's personalities. I mean, I never claim to be right about what I'm saying, I only take the *devil's advocate* position. Whatever they're saying, I pick the flaws out so that we can all think a little bit deeper about the subject, and perhaps in new ways that we haven't thought before. But, if I had an answer I'd tell you,

I'm just saying that these guys don't have it either, but they're pretending or claiming that they do.

**D.A.:** I've noticed that you often recommend Phil Klass' newsletter, SUN. Have you taken a lot of heat for that? Are you doing it so everyone will see both sides of the story?

**J.M.:** Oh, absolutely. Klass, of course, let's not go overboard, I've known Klass for years, socially, and in saucers. I've had dinner with him many times, and even slept over at his house. He is a brilliant guy with a marvelous sense of humor. He is as biased as anyone in the field. He has no objectivity whatsoever. He can be just as wrong as rain and never admit it. It's happened many times and I've caught him at it. But, he is quite often right, and he does write a brilliant newsletter and I'm happy to recommend it.

**D.A.:** Well, I guess that just about wraps it up. Thanks for the interview.

Mr. Moseley will be appearing at the 32nd Annual UFO Conference, in Decatur, GA, this October. For info. Call (404) 621-5734.

**Coming Soon..** We'll have book reviews of Whitley Strieber's Breakthrough and Vance Davis' Unbroken Promises.

In the future, we'll also bring you coverage of the '95 Gulf Breeze UFO Conference. This year's looks spectacular. The last one was very well done, and we expect an even better one this year.

We'll also hopefully have, articles and letters from readers, and more interviews.

Keep in touch.